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LETTER DATED 4 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1106 hours on 27 October 1999 a formation of United States and British warplanes dropped five heat flares in an area north of Mosul in Ninawa Governorate, alarming the local residents.

I ask you to intervene with the countries that engage in aggression against Iraq on a daily basis in the illegal no-flight zones, as well as with the countries that provide basing facilities for the United States and British aircraft involved, with a view to halting and preventing any future repetition of unwarranted actions that are in breach of the Charter of the United Nations and international law since they constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty, cause damage to the property of citizens and alarm large numbers of people. I also affirm Iraq's legally established right, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility, to seek compensation for the damage done to it by the actions in which these aircraft engage.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Ambassador
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